



ARKANSAS
Farm to School



You have been invited to a
ZOOM meeting!
April 27, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.
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NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

Food Safety in the School Garden

Join the conversation to hear about Arkansas Farm to School and food safety in the school garden. The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Produce Safety team will discuss produce safety as it relates to worker health, soil, wildlife, water, and post-harvest handling.

Produce Safety Specialists



Dr. Amanda Philyaw Perez is an Assistant Professor and the state Food Systems and Food Safety Specialist with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service. She holds a master and a doctorate in Public Health with her graduate work focusing on Local and Community Food Systems Development. Dr. Philyaw Perez oversees multiple state programs including the new FDA Food Safety Modernization Act's (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Southern Center for Food Safety State Leader, Southern Regional Representative for the National Association for Community Development Extension, and is the lead PI on a Local Foods Promotion Program Grant that is developing three food hubs in Arkansas known as the Share Grounds. She has a passion for helping farmers remain

viable and communities recognize the value of local solutions.



Julia Fryer is a program associate for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service working out of the Little Rock State Office. Julia works in food systems and food safety, providing education for fruit and vegetable farmers on produce safety and local food systems development. Julia has a bachelor's degree in environmental, soil, and water sciences and a master's degree in soil fertility from the University of Arkansas.

Questions? Comments?

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UPCOMING NETWORK CONVERSATIONS

February - Starting a School Garden and Planting Spring & Summer Crops

March - Summer Garden Successes

April - Food Safety in the School Garden

May - Summer Feeding Programs

June - Early Childhood Education

July - Nutrition Education

August - Grants and Funding

September - Preparing for Farm to School Month

October - Programming: Assessment, Goal Setting, & Administrator Buy-in

November - Local Procurement

December - Farmers Incorporating Local Produce in Schools

January - Arkansas Grown School Garden of the Year Contest Winner

